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AIA Connecticut, the professional association of licensed architects in Connecticut representing approximately 1,350 members, would like to express testimony in support of the Fire Prevention Code, SB # 1009 An Act Concerning Technical Changes to Title 29 to Incorporate the State Fire Prevention Code. This is legislation carefully crafted by the Department of Public Safety with the help and support of numerous well-informed and knowledgeable experts and is a big step in a long process.

With respect to Section 3 (b): It should be clarified whether or not any municipal ordinance would have the ability to supersede the State Fire Prevention Code with respect to this section regarding establishment of fire zones for access of fire and emergency equipment to a building. If a municipality chooses not to have a specific ordinance, then the State Fire Prevention Code i.e. Chapter 18 of the NFPA 1 referenced Standard, as amended by CT, would be the default. CT's proposed amendments state that access shall be in accordance with local ordinance OR with Chapter 18. Based on the proposed language, can the local ordinance be LESS restrictive and still prevail or must it be only more restrictive? This seems to require clarification.

Very truly yours,

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